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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PROGRESS REPORT

PROJECTS COMPLETED

A. Intelligence Estimates

1. SE-2: Probable Effects on Soviet Intentions and Capabilities of Arming the Japanese National Police Reserve as Four Fully Equipped Divisions. Published 21 February.
2. SE-3: The Current Crisis in Iran. Published 16 March.
3. NIE-9: Turkey's Position in the East-West Struggle. Published 26 February.
4. NIE-20: Resistance of Thailand, Burma, and Malaya to Communist Pressures in the Event of a Communist Victory in Indochina in 1951. Published 20 March.
5. NIE-22: Vulnerability of the Soviet Bloc to Economic Warfare. Published 19 February
6. NIE-29: Probability of an Invasion of Yugoslavia in 1951. Advance copy of Conclusions published 6 March; full estimate published 20 March.

B. Other Items of Concern to the Committee

7. National Intelligence Surveys - IAC decided on 15 March to retain the rate of 8 NIS's per year for the present
8. Exploitation of Captured Sources - IAC members agreed on the role of the civilian agencies. The formal agreement between CIA, State, AEC and FBI has not yet been signed.

PROJECTS IN PROCESS

A. Intelligence Estimates

9. SIE-1: Current Soviet Activities with Particular Reference to the Far East.

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Priority*: Urgent

Estimated Date of Publication: 2 April

Status: This estimate was initiated by the IAC at its meeting on 15 March. On 17 March the IAC representatives agreed to terms of reference and further agreed to bring the agency contributions to a meeting scheduled for 2:00 Friday the 23rd.

10. NIE-6: Iran's Position in the East-West Struggle

Priority: Formerly Routine now Urgent

Estimated Date of Publication: 3 April

Status: On 20 March the National Estimates Board reviewed a draft. Draft now in the process of revision will be circulated to the IAC agencies about 22 March.

11. NIE-13: Prospects for the Creation of an Adequate Western European Defense

Priority: Routine

Estimated Date of Publication: Late April

Status: The IAC representatives met on 2 March and again on 7 March to consider a draft. The draft was then revised in the light of these discussions. A revised draft is now being reviewed by the National Estimates Board.

12. NIE-19: Feasibility of Japanese Rearmament and Alignment with the United States

Priority: Formerly Routine now Urgent

Estimated Date of Publication: 4 April

Status: Terms of reference were approved by the IAC representatives on 3 January. Contributions from the agencies were received on 12 January. Draft was circulated to the National Estimates Board for action on 7 February. Board on 13 February deferred consideration of the draft until the 27th when it was

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apprised of the results of the Dulles mission. Draft has been revised and will be circulated for National Estimates Board action on 21 March.

13. NIE-23: India's Position in the East-West Conflict

Priority: Routine

Estimated Date of Publication: Early May

Status: Draft terms of reference are before the National Estimates Board.

14. NIE-24: German Attitude toward Remilitarization

Priority: Routine

Estimated Date of Publication: Mid-April

Status: Terms of reference were sent to the IAC agencies on the 27th and considered by the IAC representatives on 1 February. Contributions from the Department of State and the Department of the Army were due and received on 9 February. On 10 February the Department of the Air Force notified the National Estimates Board that it would forward a supplementary contribution by the 13th, on which date this contribution was received. Draft estimate is now in preparation.

15. NIE-25: Soviet Capabilities and Intentions

Priority: Routine

Estimated Date of Publication: Sometime in May

Status: In connection with preliminary work on a revision of NIE-3, requirements were circulated to IAC agencies, Office of Scientific Intelligence, and Office of Research and Reports on 10 February, requesting contributions by 5 March. Office of Research and Reports requested and was granted an extension until 12 March. The contribution of the Department of the Army was received on 2 March; that of the Navy on 5 March; that of the Office of Research and Reports on 15 March. The Department of the Air Force initially indicated that its contribution would be received on 8 March; subsequently the National Estimates Board has been informed it would be received on 13 March. A preliminary Staff draft was circulated to the Board on 19 March to facilitate the identification of pertinent issues.

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16. NIE-26: Key Problems in the Near and Middle East
Affecting US Security Interests

Priority: Formerly Routine now Urgent

Estimated Date of Publication: Early April

Status: The National Estimates Board approved terms of reference on 25 January. These were distributed to the IAC agencies on the 26th for consideration at a meeting held on 2 February. Contributions were due on 16 February, on which date the Department of State and the Department of the Navy requested and were granted an extension until the 19th. The Defense Department (G-2) contribution was received on the 17th. Contributions of the Department of State and the Department of the Navy (supplementary) were received on the 20th. Draft now in preparation.

17. NIE-27: Chinese Communist Capabilities and Intentions
with Respect to Taiwan

Priority: High

Estimated Date of Publication: 2 April

Status: A revised draft was sent to the IAC agencies on 19 March and a meeting of the IAC representatives is scheduled for 10:30 Friday, 23 March.

18. NIE-28: Likely Soviet Tactics in a Prospective CFM

Priority: Deferred

Estimated Date of Publication: None

Status: At the meeting of the IAC representatives on 9 March, it was agreed to postpone further review of this estimate until the Paris meeting of the Deputy Foreign Ministers had been concluded.

19. NIE-30: Soviet Capabilities to Interfere with US Delivery
of Atomic Weapons to Targets in the USSR

Priority: High

Estimated Date of Publication: The Joint Congressional Committee has been informed that an estimate will be prepared by about 1 April 1951. (See IAC-D-10/3)

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Status: Pursuant to action of the IAC at its meeting on 8 February, the Department of the Air Force prepared a draft based on Senator McMahon's request, for consideration by the IAC representatives, which draft was received by the National Estimates Board on 1 March. This draft was forwarded without comment on 3 March by the National Estimates Board to the IAC agencies for review. The IAC representatives met on 9 March and on the 13th, on which date the Air Force undertook a further revision. On 20 March, Air Force notified the National Estimates Board that the JIC had requested JCS guidance. A revised draft is expected within the week.

20. NIE-32: The Communist Military Position in Korea and its Effect on Sino-Soviet Courses of Action in the Far East

Priority: Formerly Routine now High

Estimated Date of Publication: Mid-April

Status: Pursuant to IAC action at its meeting on 15 February, terms of reference were drafted. These were approved by the National Estimates Board on 19 February. The IAC representatives met on 21 February. Contributions of the Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force were due on 27 February; that of the Department of State on 1 March. The contributions of the Navy and Air Force were received on 1 March; the Army's on the 2nd, and State's on the 7th. Draft now in preparation.

B. Other Items of Concern to the Committee

21. Biographic Intelligence

Problem: To recommend the most effective biographic facility for the Federal Intelligence System.

Status: Survey of agency holdings is in progress. Awaiting report of survey from Air Force.

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